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Awards Presented at Aviation Conference

Many Montana aviators were honored during the 1999 Montana Aviation Conference. A number of organizations presented annual awards to outstanding achievers for their dedication and contributions to Montana aviation throughout the year.

The Montana Aeronautics Division presented the following awards:

Airport of the Year: Gallatin Field

Educator of the Year: Jerry Hok, Kalispell

Flight Instructor of the Year: Orville Moore, Roundup

Search and Rescue Achievement Award: Ray Sanders, Kalispell

Nancy Trudell and Steve Jones of the Helena Flight Standards District Office of the FAA presented awards to the following individuals, companies:

Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award: John W. (Bill) Rogers, Lewistown

Diamond Certificate of Excellence Award: Neptune Aviation, Missoula - Semitool Inc., Kalispell - Corporate Air, Billings

Good Friend Award: Phil Petrik, Richland Aviation, Sidney

The Montana Pilots association presented its annual awards as follows:

Pilot of the Year: Gene Etchart, Glasgow

President's Award: Debbie Alke, Helena

Junior Pilot of the Year: Michelle Schmitz, Jefferson City

Hangar of the Year: Glacier Hangar, Cut Bank

Several thousands of dollars in scholarships were presented by various organizations and individuals. The recipients were:

Jeff Morrison Aviation Appreciation Scholarship: Chris Greil, Missoula

Aviation Appreciation Scholarship: Karl Zeiset, Helena

Joe and Kathy Kuberka Blue Goose Flight Scholarship: Kaye Ebel, Missoula

Parrott Family Scholarship: Dan Derlatka, Huson

Parrott Family Scholarship: Matthew Feeley, Columbus

A Love of Aviation Scholarship: Cody Clark, Dillon



Rick Griffith, Butte Conference Committee Chairman; Debbie Alke and Jack Gillespie, President of the Montana Pilots Association breathe a sigh of relief following the close of the Saturday evening banquet. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the aviation community and to Montana pilots, Jack, in a sneak attack, presented Debbie with the Montana Pilots Association President's Award at the banquet

A Love of Aviation Scholarship: Jess Lucero, Great Falls

Montana 99s: Linda Earhardt, Billings

AOM Scholarship: Marv McCann, Roundup
Linda Earhardt, Billings

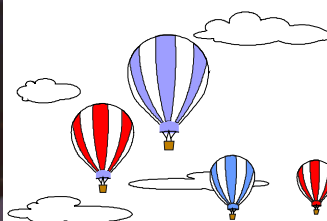
Mary Catherine Tennant representing the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), President Phil Boyer and Northwest Regional Director Ray Costello awarded its prestigious AOPA recognition award to:

Doug Parrott, Roundup

Congratulations to all of the individuals and companies who were honored. Keep up the good work! And a big **thank you** to the many generous scholarship donors who support Montanans in their aviation endeavors.



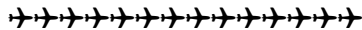
Mary Catherine Tennant, AOPA presented Doug Parrott of Roundup with the AOPA Recognition Award for his dedication to aviation and Montanans over the past several years.



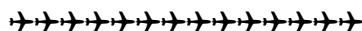
Administrator's Column

Aviation Safety Reaches High

In 1998: The National Transportation Board has reported that 1998 was one of the safest years ever for the aviation industry. The number for air taxi accidents per 100,000 flight hours fell from 3.64 in 1997 to 3.11 in 1998 and the fatal accident rate per 10,000 flight hours held steady at 0.67. These rates are the lowest in at least 16 years according to the NTSB. General aviation had 1,907 accidents including 361 fatal accidents in 1998 compared with 1,858 including 356 fatal accidents in 1997. Due to the increased hours flown in 1998 which reached 26.796 million compared to 25.473 million in 1997 the rate per 100,000 hours dropped from 7.29 in 1997 to 7.12 in 1998. Corporate business jets had no accidents in 1998 or 1997. Scheduled Part 121 air carriers were involved in 41 accidents in 1998 and the nonscheduled Part 121 air carriers were involved in seven accidents. Scheduled Part 135 air carriers were involved in eight accidents. According to the AOPA Air Safety Foundation 1998 Nall Report, 74 percent of all accidents and 71 percent of fatal accidents in 1997 resulted from pilot related causes, while weather related accidents comprised 19.5 percent of all fatal pilot related accidents. VFR flight into instrument meteorological conditions continued to be one of the most frequent causes of fatal accidents, with more than 82 percent of fatal weather related accidents involving VFR flight into IMC.

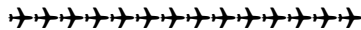


Loran C To Stay: The FAA has announced that they plan to retain Loran C for at least eight more years. This announcement was made in a paper presented by the FAA at a recent Navigation User Forum in Washington D.C.. In addressing developing alternative navigation to the Global Positioning System (GPS) the FAA said it "will determine whether Loran C standards, equipment and procedures could be upgraded to provide NPA (non-precision approach) capability." The FAA said that "if Loran C is found to be a useful element of a future alternative, the FAA will also investigate if a Loran C data broadcast capability would be useful." The paper went on to say that "recent concerns about the high cost of acquiring geosynchronous satellites and vulnerabilities, particularly to interference with GPS signals, has led the FAA to reexamine available navigation alternatives."



Aviation Trust Fund: U.S. Representative Bud Shuster (PA), House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman has introduced legislation which, if successful, remove the aviation users trust fund from the federal unified budget. There are 122 co-sponsors to the bill which is called the Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century. (AIR-21). AIR-21 would ensure that revenues collected from the aviation users

taxes are not included in the overall federal budget and that the money be spent solely for the intended aviation purposes. AIR-21 also stipulates that the 70 percent of the FAA be funded from the trust fund and the 30 percent balance be funded from the general fund. The bill also stipulates that a nine member board be established for oversight of the air traffic control system. This board would include the DOT Secretary, FAA Administrator, an FAA labor representative and six other appointed members. It is important to note that there are no user fees proposed in this bill. All of the national aviation organizations support taking the trust fund off budget.



NATA Petitions For Changes To Weather Requirements:

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) filed a petition with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for an exemption from certain weather reporting requirements that would allow on-demand air charter access to over 1,000 airports nationwide.

In the petition for exemption, the Association seeks the ability for its Part 135 on-demand air charter members to conduct flights in turbine-powered aircraft without meeting certain provisions of FAR 135.213: "Weather Reporting Requirements." Specifically, NATA requests the ability for pilots to conduct instrument flights under Part 135 without an approved weather source at the intended airport. Additionally, the petition requests that the FAA allow the air carrier Principal Operations Inspectors (POI) to approve the use of additional weather sources.

NATA has asked the FAA to acknowledge the excellent safety of operations conducted in turbine-powered aircraft under Part 135 that will allow greater access to airports without a compromise in passenger safety. To achieve that goal, several conditions would be placed upon a qualifying NATA member choosing to use the exemption.

Included in the conditions are an increase in approach minimums, additional crew training and higher crew experience requirements. Further, the operator must obtain surface weather information from a facility located within 25nm of the intended airport. There is no proposed exemption from alternate airport requirements.

NATA has also asked for increased approval for certain automated weather observation equipment known as AWOS. Only AWOS-1, the most sophisticated unit is automatically considered "approved" for the purposes of 135.213. The Association seeks a similar level of approval for the AWOS-2 unit. Currently, use of such facilities is available on a case-by-case basis by the POI and is valid only for a specific airport. If the exemption is granted, a POI could grant NATA members "blanket" approvals to use AWOS-2 units.



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Fundraiser/Fly-in Planned at Turner

MAY DAY, MAY DAY...PILOT NEEDS ASSISTANCE! A fundraiser is in the planning stage for well known pilot, Patrick Doyle of Turner. Doyle has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing medical treatment in Seattle.

Dates for the fundraiser have been set for June 26-27 in Turner. A fly-in for all pilots and friends/neighbors as well as all community members will kick off the two-day affair at the Tuner Airport. Tentative plans are to hold a barbecue and auction on Saturday June 26 with a street dance to follow.

A tasty pancake feed will be held throughout Sunday morning with concessions available throughout the day. The day will wrap up with fun-filled activities when area pilots take to the friendly skies.

An account has been established at the First Security Bank of Havre in the name of "Pat Doyle Medical Fund". All monetary donations will be graciously accepted to help defray expenses while undergoing cancer treatment.

For further information regarding donations or the fundraiser you may contact Allen Billmeyer in Hogeland at 379-2633.

U.S. NAVY'S BLUE ANGELS TO PERFORM IN KALISPELL

The famous U.S. Navy flight demonstration team Blue Angels will be featured during a two-day air show at Glacier Park International Airport on Father's Day weekend, June 19-20. The Mountain Madness '99 Airshow is being produced by the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce and will include a number of other performances as well as static aircraft displays.

According to Airshow Director John Vander Laan. "This will be the largest spectator event the Flathead has seen since the last air show. There will be something for everyone - The Blue Angels, wing walkers, a rocket truck, aerobatic displays and more military aircraft than most countries own," Vander Laan added that different shows are being planned for each day.

The Blue Angels will perform in an F-18 Hornet. Other scheduled performances include demonstrations of the F-15 Eagle fighter jet and the Harrier jump jet. Harking back to the earlier days of propellers and dare devils, the American Barnstormers will feature a wing walker on the legendary Stearman bi-plane. Tim Weber will perform aerobatic stunts in his Russian Yak 55M and the popular Pietsch Brothers will entertain with their comedy aerobatic routine. The RamJet, billed as the "World's hottest jet truck" will race a jet plane.

Planned static displays include antique and home-built aircraft as well as the: F-117A stealth fighter; B-1B Lancer; T-38A Talon supersonic jet; F-15 Eagle fighter jet; C- 5 Galaxy, world's largest airplane; E- 2C Hawkeye carrier- based surveillance plane; and a A- 10 Warthog.

Two-day passes are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. One-day passes are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Children under the age of three will be admitted free. Discounts are available for adult tickets purchased before June 11.

To purchase tickets, contact the Kalispell Chamber of Commerce at (406)758-2800 or write to the chamber at 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901. An order form is available on the chamber's web site: www.kalispellchamber.com or via email: chamber@digisys.net.



Different show each day!

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Advance One Day Adult Pass \$10.00.....number needed _____ = \$ _____

Two Day 12 & Under Pass \$10.00.....number needed _____ = \$ _____

One Day 12 & Under Pass \$6.00.....number needed _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Deadline for ordering is June 11, 1999.

Make checks payable to: "Kalispell Chamber Airshow"

Mail to: Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce - 15 Depot Park - Kalispell, MT 59901

Calendar

May 7 - 8 - Aviation Conference and Trade Show, Anchorage, AK.

June 4 - 6 - Benchmark Annual Work Session.

June 5 - 9th Annual AOPA fly-in and Open House, AOPA Headquarters, Frederick Municipal Airport, Maryland

June 5 - Bozeman General Aviation Day. Static displays, Young Eagle Rides, pancake breakfast, lunch, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call John McKenna 587-4746.

June 9 - 13 - Montana Antique Airplane Association Air Tour, registration required. Call Wanda or Allen Rickman 328-4375.

June 19 - 20 - "Mountain Madness 99" Airshow, Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell. The Blue Angels, Wayne Handley, The Pietsch Brothers, balloons, parachuting, gliders, warbirds and many static displays. Call (800)543-3205 or (800)843-6114. Gib Bissell, Airshow Operations Officer.

June 20 - Beacon Star Father's Day Fly-in with Frank's poorboy sourdough pancake breakfast.

June 26 - EAA Fly-in, Billings. Breakfast, Young Eagle Flights, BBQ.

June 26 - 27 - Fly-in Benefit for Pat Doyle, Turner.

July 10 - Hamilton Open House and Pancake Breakfast. Call Warren Woolley 363-0874 for info.

July 16 - 18 - Schafer Meadows Annual Work Session.

July 16 - 18 - Miles City Fly-in and Antique Show.

July 16 - 18 - EAA Family Fly-in and trade show, West Yellowstone Airport.

July 28 - August 3 - EAA AirVenture Fly-in and Convention, Oshkosh, WI.

August 5 - 8 - MAAA Fly-in, Pogreba Field, Three Forks.

August 6 - 8 - Sixth Annual Splash In - Fly In, Stillwater Landing.

September 17 - 19 - Mountain Search Pilot Clinic, Kalispell.

September 24 - 26 - Montana Pilots Association Fall Fly-in, Great Falls.

October 21 - 23 - AOPA Expo '99, Atlantic City, NJ.

NOTICE:

Those flying to Kalispell for the June 19th - 20th air show featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels should plan to tie down at the **Kalispell City Airport**. A convenient free shuttle will be provided to and from the show site at Glacier Park International Airport.

Glacier International Airport will be closed to all flights from 1100-1700 on Saturday June 19th and Sunday June 20th. A temporary control tower will be active at Glacier from June 17-20 during the hours between 9am and 6pm. The frequencies: Tower VHF 121.6, and otherwise UNICOM is 123.0. No camping will be allowed at Glacier Airport, however, will be allowed at Kalispell City Airport.

Aviation Conference Memories.....



At left, Zanna and Gary Hunt of Billings relax following a special event held at the Bert Mooney Airport to honor all of those persons and companies that make the aviation conference happen. Many thanks to our host Gary Hunt of Air BP and City Service, Inc. for their graciousness and generosity. At right, Mike Ferguson and Lt. Governor Judy Martz visit with friends from the north: Jim Thoreson of Red Deer, Alberta; Jerry Mulder of Red Deer, Alberta and Moe Baile of Edmonton, Alberta.



More than 100 airframe and powerplant mechanics gathered in Butte to attend the Division's annual Mechanic Seminar/IA Renewal. Industry professionals conducted training on a variety of areas and issues.



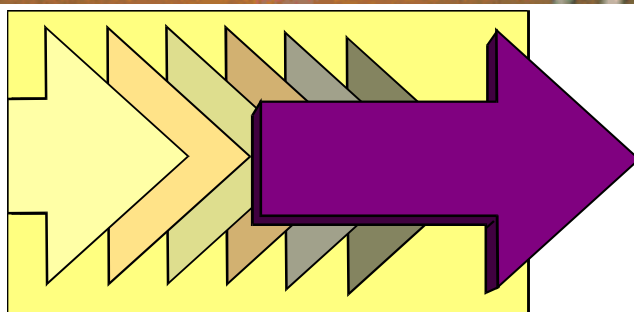
Lt. Governor Judy Martz pictured with kick-off luncheon speaker Bob Gilliland. Gilliland who has logged more experimental supersonic flight test time above Mach 2 and Mach 3 than any other pilot spoke of many experiences including being the first test pilot to fly the top secret Lockheed SR-71 aircraft.



The St. Patrick's Day party Friday evening was a special treat for conference attendees who were entertained by Dublin Gulch, Butte's own Irish folk trio specializing in Irish folk songs and Celtic tunes. Joining the well known Irish group for a few tunes were other well known musicians from Butte, Lisle Wood and Dave Gates. Irish clogging instructors were present to teach those soles brave enough to take to the dance floor——Debbie Alke and Karen Wendland!

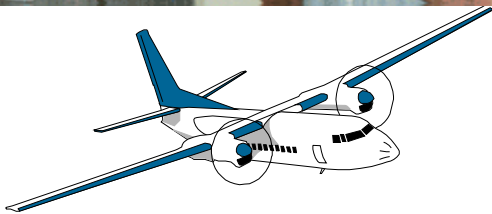


MORE MEMORIES





Thousands of dollars in door prizes were donated by companies exhibiting during the conference as well as many other generous donors. Below, Dennis DeVivo and George Warner of the Butte Host Committee and Dillon MPA Hangar take the lead in awarding the prizes at the Friday luncheon held in the display area.



At left, students pose with Air Bear. Fifty first grade students from Butte Central Elementary participated in the Air Bear program, a fun-filled afternoon coordinated by Montana 99s Linda Marshall and Tina Pomeroy with help from Jeanne Lesnik and JoAnn Eisenzimer. The star of the show—Air Bear—Peg Lipscomb of Glasgow. Above, Hank Galpin and Ray Sanders of Kalispell and active members of the Montana Antique Airplane Association conducted a very interesting concurrent session on Restoring Your Aircraft.



The Montana Pilots Association representative to the Aeronautics Board Fred Booth of Fort Benton poses with Saturday luncheon speaker Shanda Lear. Shanda gave an entertaining and enlightening presentation on her parents Bill and Moya Lear. Bill was the inventor, designer, and entrepreneur and Moya the saint that supported Bill.



Members of the Glacier Hangar at Cut Bank received the Montana Pilots Association Hangar of the Year Award. Cut Bank was the site of the 1999 MPA Fall Fly-in and did an excellent job of hosting the event. Pictured are Kieran O'Farrell an FAA aviation safety inspector from Juneau, Alaska; Shanda Lear and hangar members, Dennis Lenoir, Tom Johnson and Rick Kraft.



Results of Montana Pilot And Manager Survey

By: James R. Greil, Aviation Support Officer

The Montana Aeronautics Division is currently developing a State Aviation System Plan Base Update in conjunction with Robert Peccia and Associates of Helena. This update will provide aeronautical inventories for the state as well as provide forecasts of those inventories for the next twenty years. Last September as part of this system plan, the Aeronautics Division mailed surveys out to a number of pilots and managers statewide. The surveys dealt with aviation issues in the state of Montana and asked the respondents to tell us what issues were most important to them in the state. The survey also asked the respondents to answer a few specific questions as well. Every non-federal, non-state public use airport manager in the state was mailed a copy of the survey, in addition, one quarter of all of the registered pilots in the state were also mailed a copy of the survey. The surveys for the pilots and the managers were marked differently so that the responses from each could be tabulated separately. The pilots were selected for the survey by obtaining a list of registered pilots in Montana and simply picking every fourth name on the list. No records were kept of which pilots were sent the survey and both the pilot and manager survey respondents were asked not to provide their name to assure their anonymity. 47.1% (212 of 450 sent) of the pilot surveys were returned to the Division. 45.7% (42 of 92 sent) of the manager surveys were returned to the Division.

The respondents were asked the following six separate categories of questions:

- (1) **What issues regarding Montana airports and aviation are of concern to you?**
(Please check [x] all that apply)
(respondents were given a list of 19 topics and space to write in topics)
- (2) **What do you see as the five most urgent needs of aviation in Montana?**
(Please choose and rank only five [5] of the following items)
(respondents were given a list of 21 topics and a space to write in topics)
- (3) **Would you support the following increase in aviation gas taxes to rectify the tax loss from the closing of the re-fueling wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base?**
(respondents were given the information and asked to choose would or would not)
- (4) **What do you see as the role of the State in aviation?**
(respondents were given a list of 18 roles and a space to write in roles)
- (5) **What other services not mentioned should the Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division provide or not provide?**
(respondents were given blank lines to fill in)
- (6) **(Optional) In what county do you live?**
(this question was asked for demographic purposes only)

The results of the survey are as follows. Each question is listed with the topics chosen ranked in order of importance as selected by the pilots. On the left side of the topics are the rankings of importance as selected by the pilots, followed by the percentage of pilot responses. On the right side of the topics are the rankings of importance as selected by the managers, followed by the percentage of manager responses. Following each table is a brief note describing how the percentages were calculated. Following the tables is a look at some of the more common comments as were written down on the surveys by the respondents.

CATAGORY QUESTIONS

PILOT RANK	% of pilot responses	TOPICS CHOSEN	MNGR RANK	% of mngr responses
(1) What issues regarding Montana airports and aviation are of concern to you?				
1	78.3%	Weather reporting capabilities statewide	1	61.9%
2	48.6%	Search and rescue functions for missing aircraft	2t	50%
3	47.6%	Over regulation of airports and aviation	9	31%
4	47.2%	Maintaining pavements at airports	2t	50%
5	46.7%	General aviation airport services (i.e., fuel, rental car, parking, telephone, terminals)	3	47.6%
6	43.4%	Radar, ATC and FSS communication gaps in coverage	10	28.6%
7	42%	How government aviation funds are prioritized	5t	40.5%
8	37.7%	Tall towers, trees and other hazards around airports	7	35.7%
9	36.8%	Incompatible land-use (high density housing, bird attractants, etc.) around airports	6	38.1%
10t	34.4%	GPS approach and implementation	4t	42.9%
10t	34.4%	The availability of surface transportation to/from airports	8	33.3%
11	31.6%	The physical condition of airports other than pavement	4t	42.9%
12	26.9%	Greater local public involvement in airports	5t	40.5%
13	25.5%	Aviation and aerospace education	11t	16.7%
14	13.2%	The availability of scheduled air carrier service at local airports	11t	16.7%
15t	12.7%	Who should own airports	13	7.1%
15t	12.7%	Air traffic congestion around airports	14	4.8%
16	5.7%	Noise problems around airports	12	11.9%
17	5.2%	Lack of regulation of airports and aviation	15	2.4%

* (pilot percentages are the percentage of pilot responses out of a total of 212 surveys returned)

* (manager percentages are the percentage of manager responses out of a total of 42 surveys returned)

(2) What do you see as the five most urgent needs of aviation in Montana?				
1	54.3%	Installing more weather reporting stations and increasing weather reporting capabilities	1	37.6%
2	29.4%	The repair and maintenance of runway pavements	4	27.6%
3	24.8%	Ensuring sufficient tax money to maintain and develop airports	3	29.0%
4	23.7%	Providing more financial assistance to general aviation airports	2	36.2%
5	22.2%	Protecting airports from tall towers and other hazards through regulation and zoning	8	15.2%
6	21.9%	Installing more radar sites and RCOs in needed areas	7t	17.6%
7	20.2%	Implementing and enforcing land-use zoning laws around airports	9	14.8%
8	18.6%	Re-opening closed forest service backcountry strips	11	11.9%
9	17.7%	Better tools and more funding for search and rescue of missing aircraft	10	13.3%

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PILOT RANK	% of pilot responses	TOPICS CHOSEN	MNGR RANK	% of mngr responses
10	17.2%	Acquiring land around airports for protection for expansion and hazard protection	6	18.6%
11	16.0%	Implementing more GPS approaches	5	20.5%
12	14.4%	Building new recreational airports (i.e., backcountry strips, lakeside strips, etc.)	13	6.7%
13t	13.9%	Increasing general airport services such as fuel, rental cars, telephones and terminals	14	6.2%
13t	13.9%	Providing more aviation and aerospace education	17	2.9%
14	13.5%	Installing instrument approach aids (VORs, NDBs, RCOs)	19	1.0%
15	12.9%	Performing general, non-pavement, airport maintenance	7t	17.6%
16	12.4%	Creating more frequent and affordable national service at large Montana airports	12	7.1%
17	11.5%	Creating more frequent and affordable service to/from destinations within Montana	15	5.2%
18	11.3%	Building more aircraft hangars	18	3.3%
19	9.0%	Building new general aviation airports	16	4.3%
20	5.4%	Improving existing or building new airport terminals at large commercial service airports	20	0.5%

* (pilot percentages are the percentage of points tallied out of 1060 points possible)

* (manager percentages are the percentage of points tallied out of 210 points possible)

(3) Would you support the following increase in aviation gas taxes to rectify the tax loss from the closing of the re-fueling wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base?

1	64.6%	I WOULD support the additional fuel tax	1	71.4%
2	32.5%	I WOULD NOT support the additional fuel tax	2	21.4%

* (pilot percentages are the percentage of pilot responses out of a total of 212 surveys returned)

* (manager percentages are the percentage of manager responses out of a total of 42 surveys returned)

(4) What do you see as the role of the State in aviation?

1	74.5%	Represent Montana aviation interests at the state level (i.e., State legislature & agencies)	3	73.8%
2	68.4%	Provide financial assistance to publicly-owned, public -use general aviation airports	2	76.2%
3	67.5%	Provide co-ordination control of air search for missing aircraft	1	83.3%
4	67.0%	Represent Montana aviation interests at the national level (i.e., Congress)	4t	69.0%
5	61.8%	Provide technical support to airport owners, pilots and others regarding airport safety data, airfield and pavement design, engineering assistance, etc.	5	66.7%
6	59.9%	Oversee selection of public-use airports to receive state loans and grants	4t	69.0%
7	57.1%	Oversee selection and distribution of federal funds to airports	8	54.8%
8	48.1%	Provide for statewide pilot registration	6	59.5%
9	46.7%	Install, maintain and oversee airport NDBs and Unicoms	7	57.1%
10t	44.8%	Provide general aviation airports with pavement condition inspections every three years	9	50.0%
10t	44.8%	Provide aviation and aerospace education to adults and children	10t	40.5%
10t	44.8%	Inspect, approve and permit public use airports statewide	12	33.3%
11	41.0%	Own and operate state airports that are unable to garner local financial support	11	38.1%
12	37.7%	Maintain night time airway beacons statewide	10t	40.5%
13	27.8%	Provide financial assistance to privately-owned, public-use general aviation airports	13	16.7%
14	13.2%	Provide financial assistance to large, commercial service airports	14	14.3%

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* (manager percentages are the percentage of manager responses out of a total of 42 surveys returned)

(6) (Optional) In what county do you live?

County	# of Pilots	# of Managers	County	# of Pilots	# of Managers
Beaverhead	1	-	Meagher	1	1
Big Horn	-	1	Mineral	-	-
Blaine	2	-	Missoula	14	2
Broadwater	1	-	Musselshell	2	-
Carbon	2	2	Park	3	2
Carter	1	1	Petroleum	-	-
Cascade	11	1	Phillips	1	-
Choteau	6	1	Pondera	2	1
Custer	1	-	Powder River	2	1
Daniels	2	-	Powell	1	1
Dawson	2	1	Prairie	-	-
Deer Lodge	2	-	Ravalli	12	1
Fallon	1	-	Richland	2	1
Fergus	2	-	Roosevelt	2	2
Flathead	18	2	Rosebud	2	1
Gallatin	22	1	Sanders	-	1
Garfield	1	1	Sheridan	2	1
Glacier	1	1	Silver Bow	-	1
Golden Valley	-	-	Stillwater	3	-
Granite	-	-	Sweetgrass	1	1
Hill	7	-	Teton	3	1
Jefferson	3	-	Toole	2	-
Judith Basin	-	1	Treasure	1	-
Lake	5	1	Valley	5	-
Lewis and Clark	21	2	Wheatland	1	-
Liberty	1	1	Wibaux	1	-
Lincoln	1	-	Yellowstone	20	1
Madison	2	-	No Response	13	6
McCone	-	-			

MONTANA ANTIQUE AIRPLANE ASSOCIATION AIR TOUR "99"

Mark Your Calendars!—Make Your Reservations!

Make plans now for the annual Montana Antique Airplane Association Air Tour. The trip will start at Columbus the evening of June 9 with a no-host BBQ at Allen and Wanda Rickman's hangar. June 10 leave for a tour of central and north central Wyoming with overnight stops in Douglas, Thermopolis and Cody. Home on Sunday, June 13 with lots of interesting stops planned along the way.

We urge you to make your room reservations now as other things are happening in these areas on the same dates and rooms are limited. A block of room are held under MAAA at each nights stop. After May 1 rooms will no longer be available for group rates under MAAA.

Contact Wanda Rickman for registration and hotel information at P.O. Box 118, Absarokee, MT 59001 or call her at 328-4375. You will then receive a complete tour packets which will include pamphlets and flyers from various Chambers of Commerce, Wyoming maps and other tour information.

Meet us in Columbus, Montana on June 9 for our departure on the morning of the 10th to Wyoming.

ROCKIN the ROCKIES

There will be a classic rock festival on the historical Lewis and Clark Trail August 6 - 8. It is along the Jefferson River between Three Forks and Whitehall. Bands include Journey, Foreigner, Thin Lizzy, Sweet, 38 Special, Georgia Satellites, Head East, Big Brother and the Holding Company, Canned Heat, Nazareth, April Wine and Bad Company, former lead singer Brian Howe.

It is the same weekend as the Antique Aircraft Fly-In in Three Forks and should prove to be a good time. There will be bus service from the Three Forks Airport and food and beverages will be available. The music will be available all three days and is the best classic rock line up in the northwest this summer.

Three Forks has a 5000+foot runway and capable of handling almost any small aircraft. The Three Forks fly-in is a popular event every summer. People come from all over the country, and there were almost 300 aircraft in attendance last year. There will be contests and fun for everyone. The local community supports the event, and all pilots and their families are welcome.

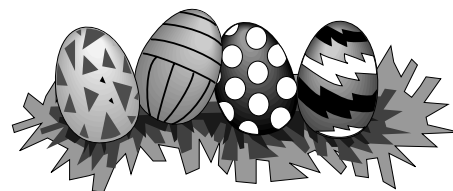
Come out and celebrate the historical significance of Lewis and Clark, visit the caverns named for them and catch the biggest musical event of the year.

For more information contact Rockin the Rockies at Box 47, Cardwell, MT 50721; call (406)287-5655; fax (406)287-5882; or check out www.rockintherockies.com; or e-mail rockintherockies@hotmail.com.

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